

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mr. Hebert, at 7:00 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Chris Hebert, Mr. Walter Steere, Mr. Peter Skeffington, Mrs. Anne E. Ejnes, Mr. Steven A. Sette, Mr. Tom Mainville, Business Manager, and Mr. Greg Piccirilli, Legal Attorney and Mr. Robert Wallace, Superintendent. Mrs. Mary Beth Keeling was excused.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the School Committee approved the Open Session Minutes for May 26, 2009 and Executive Session Minutes for May 26, 2009 and the Executive Minutes with the corrected date for April 21, 2009. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

V. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the School Committee approved the Warrant for May 1 to 31, 2009 in the amount of \$296,458.02. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

VI. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee approved the Food Services Contract contingent on the Region and Foster approving on Mr. Mainville's recommendation.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ejnes reported that the Superintendent Search Committee had met twice since forming. First meeting – how to proceed; second meeting – election of applications. The Committee plans on ranking the applicants and will report to the Chair and Co-chair. The Chair and Co-chair will interview the selected candidates. As the current Superintendent's commitment ends on June 30, 2009 it may be necessary to extent that commitment into July 2009 until a decision and/or appointment has been made for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Skeffington thanked Mrs. Ejnes for her work on this committee.

VIII. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

None at this time.

IX. 2008-2009 BUDGET

Mr. Mainville relayed to the Committee that the School Department should finish out the year okay.

X. 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mr. Mainville had nothing to report.

XI. LIAISON WITH PTO'S

Mrs. Ejnes, liaison for the Fogarty PTO, had no report but had attended an end of year event and the swing set was up and students, staff and parents were happy with the playground.

Mrs. Keeling, liaison for West Glocester, was excused from this meeting so there was no report.

XII. KINDERGARTEN TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Wallace reported prior to 2007-2008 Kindergarten sessions lasted for 2 ½ hours, but now the state mandates a 2 hour 45 minute session. The problem lies in the ability to deliver am kindergarten students home after class and pick up the pm kindergarten students within a 45 minute window, especially in West Glocester. Denise Plaza-Martin, transportation supervisor, has configured alternate routes with three buses for Fogarty and 4 buses for West Glocester. She explained that with this new configuration there are several built in issues – availability for parents choosing day care, fewer options for parents to select am kindergarten verses pm kindergarten, and the bus routes themselves. Reducing Fogarty by one bus has the possibility of being a \$20,000 cost savings. On this note Mrs. Ejnes asked what the cost per bus per route is costing. On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the Committee voted to accept the suggested kindergarten transportation change and parents of entering students should be notified as soon as possible in order to make arrangements for day care etc.

Motion passed. 5-0-0.

XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE STIPEND

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the School Committee voted to table the Administrative Stipend. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

XIV. REGIONAL / GLOCESTER MUTUAL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE

No update at this time. Mr. Mainville did mention the possibility of a study the Town is looking at to upgrade purchase order processing and phone systems.

XV. BUS CONTRACT

AS of this meeting the Bus Contract has been signed. Mr. Mainville wanted the Committee to know that Mr. Picirilli deserves credit for accomplishing this.

XVI. REGIONALIZATION

Mr Sette asked for this Agenda item to be taken off the Agenda. Mr. Hebert asked Mr. Piccirilli to look at the Charter to see if it provides for Glocester entering into the Region even if Foster did not want to enter into Regional status. This will be on July's agenda.

XVII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the action of the School Committee on January 20, 2009 to non-renew Laura Livingston for the 2009-2010 school year be rescinded.

Motion passed. 5-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mr. Sette the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the action of the School Committee on January 20, 2009 to non-renew the following teachers be rescinded and that they be recalled to a .5 FTE position.

Nancy Saccocio

Lisa Giogiani

Motion passed. 5-0-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mr. Sette the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the action of the School Committee on May 19, 2009 to non-renew the employment of Frances Colangelo for the 2009-2010 school year be rescinded and the resignation / retirement of Frances Colangelo be accepted effective June 23, 2009 with regret. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the action of the School Committee on May 19, 2009 to non-renew the employment of Maureen Tobojka for the 2009-2010 school year be rescinded and the resignation / retirement of Maureen Tobojka be accepted effective June 23, 2009 with regret. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mr. Sette the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the resignation of Jennifer Simoneau, Librarian at Fogarty Memorial School, be accepted with regret effective June 23, 2009. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Committee sanction the creation of a new non-certified position of Instructional Teacher Assistant / Clerk. Both Mr. Sette and Mrs. Ejnes withdrew their motion.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Committee sanction the creation of a new non-certified position of Instructional Teacher Assistant / Clerk at the rate of an Instructional Teacher Assistant. Both Mr. Sette and Mrs. Ejnes withdrew their motion.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the School Committee

sanction the creation of a new non-certified position of Instructional Teacher Assistant / Clerk at the rate of an Instructional Teacher Assistant with a written agreement from the non-certified union and that this position could be part of the job fair on June 17, 2009. Motion passed. 5-0-0.

XVIII. COMMUNICATIONS

None. Mr. Steere observed the garden at Fogarty. Mr. Hebert commented on the West Gloucester Nature Trail and everyone was enjoying it.

XIX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The usual agenda items will be posted.
Administrative Office for Elementary System
Audit of bussing – cost per bus route

XX. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XXI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted to go into Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) & (7) Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations/Busing Contracts/Grievances at 8:05 pm. Motion passed. 5-0-0. A five minute recess was called. At 8:10 pm Mrs. Keeling was in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Keeling the Committee voted to go into Open Session. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

Mr. Sette relayed the Committee approved and accepted the contract for Laurie Makoba as Principal of Fogarty Memorial Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year.

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the Committee voted to seal Executive Session minutes. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Sette seconded by Mrs. Keeling the School Committee voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helena McCullough